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Title: ACCOUSTIC WAVE AMPLIFIER/ATTENUATOR APPARATUS, PIPE SYSTEM HAVING THE SAME AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THE PIPE SYSTEM	

Commissioner for Patents
Arlington, VA 22202

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is/are submitted for consideration by the Examiner without any admission that it/they constitute(s) statutory prior art, or without any admission that it/they contain(s) subject matter that anticipates the invention or renders the invention obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

The Examiner is requested to initial the attached PTO Form-1449 and to return a copy of same to the undersigned attorney as proof that the listed reference(s) has/have been considered and made of record.

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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS
		6,314,740 (Corresponding to JP-A-2001-521125 which is discussed in page 3 of the spec.)	Nov. 13, 2001	De Blok et al.		
		6,032,464 (Corresponding to JP-A-2002-535597 which is discussed in page 3 of the spec.)	Mar. 7, 2000	Swift et al.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	YES	NO
		JP-B1-3015786 (Discussed in page 3 of the spec.)	12/17/99	JAPAN					X (Abstract)
		JP-A-2002-31423 (Discussed in page 3 of the spec.)	1/31/02	JAPAN					X (Abstract)
		JP-B1-3015788	12/17/99	JAPAN					X (Abstract)

* Full English text is available in machine-translated form in JPO (Japanese Patent Office) English language web site at <http://www1.ipdl.jpo.go.jp/PA1/cgi-bin/PA1INDEX>.

OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

		Peter H. Ceperley, "Gain and efficiency of a short traveling wave heat engine", <u>Journal of Acoustical Society of America</u> , 77(3), March, 1985, pp. 1239-1244 (Discussed I page 1 of the spec.)
		G. Petculescu and L. A. Wilen, "Traveling-wave amplification in a variable standing wave ratio device", Petculescu et al.: <u>Acoustics Research Letters Online</u> , February 19, 2002, pp.71-76 (Discussed in page 3 of the spec.)
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